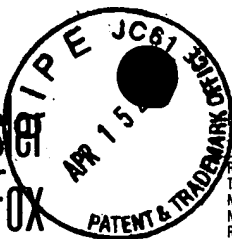


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Art Unit: 3728

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/050,048; Filed: January 17, 2002
For: **Closure System**
Inventors: Paul M. Davis, *et al.*
Our Ref: 1073.9370001/DKSC/RLP

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," dated February 15, 2002, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by the inventors;
4. Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Corrections, including five (5) sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1-7);
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. One (1) return postcard; and
7. Our Check No. 34840 for \$1,158.00 to cover:
\$740.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a));
\$288.00 Fee for claims in excess of twenty (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)); and
\$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)).

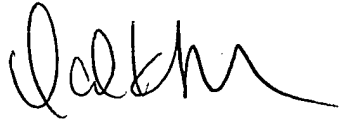
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Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

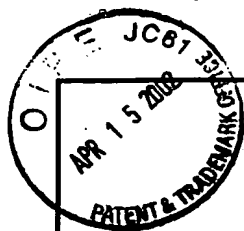
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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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- Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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Multiple Dependent		=	

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102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim
108	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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